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Bouvier the Only Dictionary Cited.—A correspondent gives on pp. 312-313 of the March-April number of the American Law Review a "Table of 52 Most Frequently Cited Text-Books, during period of 1902: A Digest." In this table Bouvier's Law Dictionary stands No. 21 and is the only law dictionary or encyclopædia included in the list. The other 51 books are all text-books. Moral:—If you want a legal encyclopædia or law dictionary that has the approval of the Bench and Bar, buy RAWLE'S BOUVIER'S LAW DICTIONARY, 2 VOLS., \$12.00.

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Audita Querela, a gay Spanish maiden,
To young Scire Facias quite lost her heart;
Said she: 'Tho' you're poor, you may habeas corpus,
I am yours in fee simple till death doth us part."

But her uncle, gruff Venire Facias de Novo, To love's ardent pleading made haste to demur; He said 'twas a case of misjoinder of parties, That none but a noble could ever have her.

Qua re ejecit the youth from the freehold, Vi et armis he kicked him the length of the hall; He did not have time to replevy his top coat, Nor could he respondeat ouster at all.

But true love can never be barred or non-suited, He met her *per nocte* at de Novo's place; As demandants her lips did not traverse his kisses, As tenant he held her in loving embrace.

At last he said softly: "Audita, darling, I fear in repleader we may find no hope, It is up to your Scire that exeat regno,—Add similiter, loved one, and let us elope."

To this the fair maid pleaded naught in abatement, Though her blushes gave color to cheeks, rosy red; She filed no demurrer nor asked an imparlance,

But alleged a disclaimer and thus to him said:
"Though Uncle de Novo may damn with mandamus,
And ask quo warranto you take me away,
Absque hoc he is right to demand my appearance
I deliver you seisin for ever and aye."

Said he: "To my arms, Audita, Beloved One, No writ of distringas shall keep us apart; No other shall ever bring writ of ejectment To oust you, my dear, from the close of my heart."

He urged her to flee, but the maiden nil dicit,
Her soul was possessed by divers alarms,
Until, fearing the uncle would come and bring trover,
Assumpsit the maid down the stairs in his arms.

From that *venue* the twain departed *instanter*To pay for a license the requisite toll,
And when daylight on darkness inforced a continuance
Audita had ceased to be a *feme sole*.

In a neat little messuage they live, and are happy, From the world all secluded, its cares and its sins, Their joinder of issue has proved most successful,— They are tenants in common of beautiful twins.

The one is named Profert (his pa will display him, Most amiable youngster that man ever had), And you can hear Oyer without even craving,—He always is bawling, his temper is bad.

MORAL.

The moral of this is to know well your pleading, You must prove your *scienter*, certain and sure; If you do, the *exam* will descend on you *molliter*, If not you must suffer the *peine forte et dure*.

From The Green Bag for March. 2003.

ADMIRALTY LAW.

In view of the fact that Admiralty Law is substantially the same on both sides of the Atlantic, we have imported a quantity of the THIRD EDITION OF WILLIAMS AND BRUCE ON THE JURISDICTION AND PRACTICE OF THE ENGLISH COURTS IN ADMIRALTY ACTIONS AND APPEALS. This edition (much improved from the second) is now the standard work on Admiralty Practice. Its price in England, in cloth binding, is 32 shillings — equal, with duties to \$10. By importing a quantity, we can offer the volume in fine half-calf binding for \$9.00.

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From the American Law Register.

The compiler has evidently had in mind the value of presenting to the student the problems which the various cases offer for In no sense is the merit of the inductive method impaired by substituting a solution in words other than those of the decision, as is the case where a text-book is employed; but by careful chapter, section, and sub-section headings the wherefore of the presence of each case is pointed out,—a chart for the student, of the course which he, himself, must steer.

This topical arrangement has resulted subjectively from a keen analysis of the criminal law; it has resulted objectively in a symmetrical framework about which, it is believed, the course of study can be satisfactorily and permanently built. The majority of the topics are necessarily old, but their arrangement and connection is, in the main, new. The headings of two of the sub-sections, however, seem original; the reference is to those on "Consent of the State" and "Condonation of the State." The particular value of these headings appears in drawing the distinction between a crime and a tort.

In a work having the purpose of the present subject of review, the historical treatment could undoubtedly be carried to excess, but in this instance an admirable balance is displayed in that the practical is never subordinated to the purely historical. A long settled doctrine is illustrated and presented by an early case in point; a change, by decisions discussing the old law, the development and the culmination; and an unsettled rule, by judicial opinions in which the tendencies are indicated. By this method the practical rules of criminal law as they now exist are given to the student in a thoroughly comprehensible and reasonably applicable condition.

It should prove of great value to students of the law (and this term should certainly include practicing lawyers) for reference, whenever and however they may be situated. To increase its value along this reference line, cases agreeing and disagreeing with the conclusions reached in the cases in the text have been quite copiously and judiciously cited in foot-notes.

From the Harvard Law Review.

The first volume of a new collection of cases on criminal law by William E. Mikell, Assistant Professor of Law in the University of Pennsylvania, intended primarily for use by the students in the University of Pennsylvania Law School, is well worth a careful examination by any one who is interested in the modern methods of teaching law. The book is divided into two parts on the principle on which Mr. Bishop and other modern writers have found expedient, the present volume treating of the general elements of crime, and the second volume now in preparation covering cases on specific crimes. In theory of treatment this collection of cases is not unlike the "Cases on Criminal Law" or Professor Beale. The noticeable features distinguishing the present work are the more refined subdivision of the subjectmatter, the tendency to introduce decisions in which the opinions are long and the arguments pro and con elaborately discussed, and finally the addition of a group of American cases decided since the publication of Mr. Beale's book.

This close subdivision of topics merits distinct approval. The placing of each case under a specific head suggests to the student the principle of law for which it is inserted, and enables the discussion of it in the class-room to be focused upon that principle. The book moreover is thus made far more serviceable to the practitioner, who usually desires to know the law upon a certain specific point, and who can turn at once in Mr. Mikell's book to an apt illustration of the general doctrine upon that point, and also find appended to it a foot-note containing excellent examples of contrary or modified views adopted in other

jurisdictions.

The recent American cases included in the volume are happily chosen, and illustrate effectively the present tendency by the American courts.

Cases on Criminal Law. A Selection of Reported Cases on Criminal Law. By William E. Mikell, Assistant Professor of Law in the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: The Boston Book Co. Vol. 1. 1902. pp. 504. 8 vo. Cloth. \$3.00

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(For Students or Lawvers.)

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This collection will not be injured for use in study of the law, and is greatly commended to lawyers, from the fact that each case has a brief head-line or head-lines (somewhat like the "Rules" in ENGLISH RULING CASES) defining the principle of law brought out in the decision.

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STATHAM is a quaint specimen of printing. Although published in London by Pynson, it was undoubtedly printed for him in France by Tailleur of Rouen. It bears no date, but judging from the "Secretarial" type used (resembling court-hand manuscript) it must have been issued between

1470 and 1490 A. D. Title pages had not then come into vogue, and Statham begins with a blank page. Then follow three pages of a table of subjects, end ing with the words "per me R. Pynson." The text, in quarto, occupies about 200 pages, not numbered. The topics are alphabetically arranged,—printed with broad margins and long intervals, probably to allow for the manuscript notes with which the old lawyers delighted to overload their books. At the end is a printer's device.

FITZHERBERT'S GRAND ABRIDGMENT comes next, compiled by Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, sergeant-at-law in the time of Henry VIII. The first edition, 1516, consisted of three parts, large folio, usually bound in one volume, very closely printed in black letter. Subsequent editions were published in 1565 and 1577, but (as in many of the Year Books) the first edition appears to be the most correct.

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Brooke's Abridgment held the field for a hundred years. In 1660 Hughes' Abridgment, as a supplement to Brooke, digested the cases from 1 Elizabeth to 1 Charles II. In 1725 Nelson's Abridgment "chiefly, and very incorrectly, copied Hughes," ignoring the Year Books and the earlier abridgments, which the author described as "rhapsodies of antiquated law."

The next general abridgment was that of Sir Henry Rolle, Chief Justice of the "King's Bench" during the Commonwealth. It was published in two folio volumes, in 1668. It omits obsolete titles of the law, and abridges (besides the reports) many Parliament rolls and decisions not elsewhere reported. Hargrave pronounces ROLLE'S ABRIDGMENT "fit to be proposed as an example of method, succinctness, and legal precision." Rolle's method was followed by D'Anvers and Viner.

SHEPHERD'S ABRIDGMENT of the Common and Statute Laws, 3 vols., quarto, 1675, does not appear to have been very successful.

In 1725, Knightly D'Anvers published Vol. 1 of a General Abridgment of the Common Laws,—being a translation and continuation of Rolle. Vol. 2 appeared in 1732, Vol. 3 in 1737. Here with the

appropriate title of "Extinguishment," D'Anvers' Abridgment expired

In 1736 Matthew Bacon issued the first volume of his "New Abridgment of the Law." Like D'Anvers, he worked slowly, but he persisted and finished in about twenty years a work which has had many subsequent editions. "The methods and divisions of this work differ from those of former abridgments. It consists of many excellent treatises on the most important subjects of law, and is supposed to have been compiled chiefly from materials collected by Lord Chief Baron Gilbert." The latest English edition, by Dodd and Gwillim, was published in eight volumes in 1832. Judge Bouvier (author of Bouvier's Law Dictionary) published in 1840 an American edition of BACON'S ABRIDGMENT in 10 volumes,—reprinted in 1856.

While Bacon was plodding along with his Abridgment, Charles Viner began in 1741, and finished in 1751, VINER'S GENERAL AND COMPLETE ABRIDGMENT of Law and Equity, in 24 volumes, folio — of which a second edition in 30 volumes was published 1791–1806.

Viner's Abridgment does not rank high as a law book (except in voluminousness) but it has many interesting features. The author appears to have been a man of fortune,—for he had his Abridgment printed in his own country-house at Hampshire, upon paper especially made for the work, with a private "water-mark." He began printing with the title "Factor," because D'Anvers had so recently covered previous subjects, but after finishing the alphabet he filled in the early titles. His most solid title to fame rests on his gift to All Souls' College, Oxford,—of the copyright and profits of the Abridgment to found the Vinerian Professorship of Law, of which Blackstone was the first and most illustrious incumbent.

The middle of the eighteenth century was prolific in this kind of work. In 1762-1767, Sir John Comyns, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, brought out his "Digest of the Laws of England under alphabetical heads,"—thus first using the term "Digest," which has superseded the "Abridgment" in our law literature. Comyns' Digest has had six editions, the last being dated 1822, and is still found in libraries which have come down from the last generation. The five, six and eight small volumes of Comyns, contrasted with the sixteen thick octavos of Mews' latest "Digest of English Case Law," attest the accumulation of cases during the last century.

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Assumption of Risks (distinguished from Contributory Negligence). St. Louis Cordage Co. v. Muller. U. S. C. C.

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American Law Schools and the Teaching of Law,
Prof. Geo. L. Reinhard.

APRIL.

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IS INTERNATIONAL LAW, LAW?

Much interest has been aroused by the claim of Prof. SCOTT in his recent work (SCOTT'S CASES ON INTER-NATIONAL LAW, 1902, CLOTH \$3.50), that International Law is a part of the English Common Law, devolving upon the United States of America with the Common Law, and recognized by our courts as Municipal Law. To quote from discussions of the book:

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To begin at what has long been the beginning of any discussion of international law, the general practitioner has heard of the analytical jurist's doubt whether this subject is entitled to be called law at all. To the general practitioner this doubt may seem to be largely of a theoretical nature, but he probably has a related doubt of his own, a doubt whether international law, whether properly called law or not, is administered in courts. This book is an object lesson that removes simultaneously and promptly both the theoretical and the practical doubt. Here are some nine hundred pages of cases selected from the decisions of English courts and of the State and Federal courts of the United States; and in each case the court determined the rights of the parties by ascertaining and recognizing and administering international law as if the subject were as determinable and as binding as the law of contracts. Yet even when the practical lawyer learns that international law—or at least part of it—is real law, and that as such it is administered in the ordinary courts, there remains another doubt. To the ordinary practitioner is international law of any practical use? Such a practitioner certainly does not have occasion to become an expert in this subject. He does not dream of representing his country abroad, or of representing his neighbors in Congress, or even of writing to the newspapers about the Monroe Doctrine. Even if it be clearly established that international law is not a mere mixture of etiquette, ethics, and fraud, administered ultimately through armies and navies, has the every-day lawyer much more use for it than the Hottentot has for snowshoes? This is an important question to which this volume gives several hundred concrete answers. To present all the answers would be to state all the cases, and this though it would be well worth while, is clearly impracticable. Ca

Mr. Scott's underlying idea is, as he says himself, that international law is part of the English common law; that the American colonies inherited it as such; that on their admission to the family of nations they recognized it, and that it is today part of the municipal law of the whole English-speaking world — English and American courts of justice have been enforcing it for two centuries. On "the vexed question whether it is law in the abstract," the author expresses no opinion, but he need not have been so non-committal, for the best proof of the existence of law that we can have is exactly this often overlooked fact, that it is enforced by courts of justice all over looked fact, that it is enforced by courts of justice all over looked fact, that it is enforced by courts of justice all over the world. A prize court for instance, is a court of international law, though it is established in a particular country; and a belligerent who brings a prize into it must abide by its decision, though it involve the release of his prize. The fact that there is a large portion of international law that is not enforced by judicial decision and rests on custom does not seem any ground, therefore, for denying the existence of international law, as law. Austin objected that there was no superior power to enforce it—no "sanction." This volume contains nine hundred cases to the contrary.—The Nation, New York.

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Cases, but not Decisions.—"The word "Cases" in the title of an old law book may mean decisions of a court, but it may also mean moot cases, or questions put by the author for the consideration of his readers. Such are Zouch's "Cases and Questions resolved in the Civil Law," Oxford, 1652, and Stillingfleet's "Ecclesiastical Cases. stated and resolved," 2 vols., London, 1698–1704. Such a volume has just drifted in to us from England. It is a duodecimo, entitled "Cases relating to Duties of Excise, aud to the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, &c." 12mo, London, 1715. (Half roan, \$2.50.)

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES.

Hamilton's Practice.—In a recent biography of Alexander Hamilton, it is stated that he wrote and published in 1781, a "Manual of the Practice of the Law." Who can tell us about it? We find no mention of such a work in the catalogues.

A Still-born Magazine.— Has anyone a spare copy of "The Law Review," published in July, 1866, by Weed, Parsons & Co., of Albany, N. Y.? One number only (apparently) was published. As the American Law Review was born in the same year, we presume that it ran this possible rival off the track.

Cameron's North Carolina Reports.—Mr. Hewitt, the Librarian of the Law Association of Philadelphia, writes that he has found in the Law Association Library, bound up with various trials, &c.—a book of 108 pages, entitled "Reports of Cases determined by the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Courts of Equity of the State of North Carolina, at their Meeting on the Tenth of June, A. D., 1800 (&c.). By Duncan Cameron, Raleigh, 1800."

The catalogues and bibliographies make no mention of this publication, which is evidently a first part or preliminary issue of what were afterwards known as the "Conference Reports" by Cameron and Norwood. Mr. Hewitt says that five of Cameron's Cases, however, are not reprinted in the Conference Reports.

Can anyone give us further information about this unrecorded North Carolina Report?

English Election Cases, 1780.—In addition to the Election Cases usually given in catalogues, we note that the volume entitled "Laws concerning the Election of Members of Parliament" (six editions, between 1720 and 1780) contains "Determinations of the House of Commons thereon." In the Sixth Edition, 1780, these "Decisions," although paged right on from the text, have a separate title page, covering pp. 119-383.

Who was the author of this work? The preface to the Sixth Edition is signed "J. R."

This preface, by the way, contains an interesting discussion as to how much (or how little) weight the "Attestation" or "License to Print" of the Judges had in the older Reports.

Early Publishers' Tricks.—Richard Tottel, the quaintest of the quaint early printers of England, apparently began his career as a publisher, in the middle of the Sixteenth Century, by revising dead books. For instance, the "Registrum Brevium" which bears his imprint with the date 1553, seems to be identical (except as to title page) with the first edition printed in 1531 by William Rastell. The type is the peculiar "Secretary" font, made in facsimile of manuscript letters. Tottel's edition retains the original colophon reading "Wyllyam Rastell, Sept. 28, 1531."

WANT LIST.

For the following we will pay liberally in cash:

Reports. Vols. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 63, 66, 67, 73, 74. Ala.

Ala. Laws. Dec. 1847, Sept., Nov. 1864.

Ark. Laws. 1844, 1850, 1856. Calif. Laws. 1852, 1853.

Conn. Laws. 1845, 1852.

Del. Laws. 1818, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23.

Laws. 1840, '42, '75. Fla.Ga.

Decisions. 1 vol.

T.a. Reports. Martin Old Series. Vol. 2. Laws. 1844, 1845.

Miss. Reports. Vol. 34.

N. H. Laws. June, 1822, '23, '27, '28, Nov. 1836, June 1837, '39.

N. Y. Armstrong's Election Cases. Transcript Appeals. Vols. 6, 7.

Laws. Pub. 1822, '34, Pub. and Priv. 1852, July N. C.

Delaware Co. Reports. Vol. 1. Penn. Lancaster Bar Reports. 15 vols. Dallas Laws. Vol. 3.

Reports. Vols. 5, 8. R. I.

Laws. Jan. 1845, June '46, Nov. '87, May '93.

S. C. Mills Constitutional. 2 vols. Richardson's Law. Vol. 1. Laws. June 1882.

Laws. 1841.

Laws. Adj. 1853, Reg. '58, '61.

Va. Laws. 1813, '14. Shepard's Stats., vol. 1.

Reports. Any late volumes.

The following we would like to get in exchange for our own publications or overstock:

American Reports. 60 vols. Atlantic Reporter. Vols. 18 to 24.

Bench and Bar of New England.

Calvert on Parties in Equity. London, 1847 [or Phila.,

Chitty on Prerogatives of the Crown. London, 1820.

Guthrie's 14th Amendment. Merrill's Newspaper Libel.

Morrison's Transcript. Vol. 5.

Northwestern Reporter. Vols. 1 to 13.

Spaulding's Diplomacy of the U.S. [Boston, 1826.]

Wheaton's U. S. Reports. 12 vols. Original edition.

Periodicals.

American Law Record. Vol. 1. No. 4. American Law Register. Old series. 9 vols. 1852-61. American Law Review. (Nashville.) 3 vols. 1872-74. American Law Times (and Reports). Vols. 5 and 6. American Law Review. (Nashville.) 3 vols. 1872–74.
American Law Times (and Reports). Vols. 5 and 6.
Internal Revenue Record. Vols. 36, 38.
Journal of Camparative Legislation. N. S. No. 5.
Law Magazine and Review. London, 1858 to 1872.
Law Magazine and Review for April 1875.
Medico-Legal Journal. Vol. 1.
New Jersey Law Journal. Vols. 1 to 11.
Ohio Law Journal. Vol. 1. (Any parts.)
Weekly Jurist. (Bloomington, Ill.) Vol. 2. 1880–81.
West Virginia Bar. Nov. 1894, June 1895.
Western Jurist. (Des Moines.) Vols. 1, 2, 3.
Yale Law Journal. Vol. 1. No. 4. (Or any odd vols.)

We also buy sets or odd volumes of legal periodicals, session laws and reports.

QUAINT AND INTERESTING LAW BOOKS.

(List No. 9.)

[We are preparing and will send on request to any one interested, a consolidated list of our stock of Rare Old Law Books, containing about 1,000 titles.]

Blackstone (Wm.). The Great Charter and Charter of the Forest, etc.,—with the History of the Charters. 4to. Oxford. 1759. (Damp stains on margins.) Old calf . . . \$3.00 Brown (David Paul). The Forum, or Forty Years full Practice at the Philadelphia Bar. 2 vols. Cloth. Phila. 7826.

Coke's Institutes. 4 vols. Cloth Phila. 1856

Cases relating to the Duties of Excise and to the Jurisdiction of Justices upon Informations as to Excise. 12mo. Half roan. London. 1715

Chalmers (Geo.). Opinions of Eminent Lawyers on Various Points of English Jurisdiction, chiefly concerning the Colonies, Fisheries and Commerce. Old sheep. Reprinted at Burlington, Vt. 1858

Coke's Institutes. 4 vols. Folio. Old calf. London. 25.00

First Inst. Third edition (last one published during the author's life) 1633.

Second Inst. 1st edition 1642. Fourth Inst. 1st edition 1644. Third Inst. 1st edition 1644. [Each volume has a full page portrait of Coke.]

Coke upon Littleton. Hargrave and Butler's Notes. 1st Amer. from 19th Engl. edition. 2 vols. Sheep. Phila. 1853.

Corporations: The Law of, containing the Laws and Customs of all the Corporations.

1.50

Hale (Sir Matthew). History of the Common Law. 4th edition, by Chas. Runnington. Broken calf. London.

1847

Hawkins (Wm.). Pleas of the Crown. 8th edition, by John Cuwood. 2 vols. Old calf. London. 1824 10.00

Jenks (Edward). Modern Land Law. Cloth. London.

with Notes by an Antiquary. Quarto. Cloth. London. 1884.

Murray (Joseph). Reports of Cases tried in the Jury Court. 1815-1830. 5 vols. Half calf. Edinburgh. 1818-1831. 15.00
Nicolas (Sir Harris). The Law of Adulterine Bastardy, with Reports of Cases. Boards. London. 1826. 3.50
Nasmith (David). Institutes of English Law. 4 vols. 16mo. Cloth. London. 1879. 4.00
Piggott (F. T.). Foreign Judgments and Parties out of the Jurisdiction. 2d edition. Cloth. London. 1884. 6.00
Rawle (Wm. H.). Equity in Pennsylvania. (Appendix—The Registrar's Book of Gov. Keith's Court of Chancery, 1720-1735.) Boards. Phila. 1868. 1.50
Rawle (William). A View of the Constitution of the United States. 2d edition. Sheep. Phila. 1829. 2.00
Smith (John S.). Chancery Practice. 2d Amer. edition, by D. Graham, Jr. 2 vols. Old sheep. (Damp-stained.) Phila. 1824. 4.00

1842. 4.00
[This is the edition recommended by the U. S. S. C.]

Spence (Geo.). Equitable Jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery. 2 vols. Sheep. Phila. 1846. 6.00
Todd (Alpheus). Parliamentary Government in England.

New edition by Spencer Walpole. 2 vols. Cloth. London.

1802. 2.50
Westlake (John). Private International Law. Half calf.
London. 1858. 2.50
Wheaton (Henry). Elements of International Law. 8th
edition, by R. H. Dana, Jr. Sheep. Boston. 1866. O. P.
Wood (Thos.). An Institute of the Laws of England. "For
Young Beginners." 9th edition. Folio. Old calf. London.
1763. 3.50

FRENCH LAW BOOKS.

Here are the titles of a few interesting French books which have drifted to our shelves during the summer.

Did you see the list of "Civil Law Books" (largely French) printed in 6 Leg. Bib. 2? We can send you a copy if you missed getting it.

BOUCHER (P. B.). Les Principes du Droit Civil	
et du Droit Commercial Comparés. 2 vols. 12mo. Half roan. Paris An. XII. (1804.)	\$4.00
CODE CIVIL DES FRANÇAIS. Suivi de l'exposé	
de motifs sur chaque loi, presenté par les Orateurs du Gouvernement, des rapports faits au	
tribunal au nom de la commission de Legislation,	
&c. 8 vols. Boards. Paris	5.00
CONSTITUTION FRANCAISE (Le Veritable) déduite	
des principes fondamentaux qui out gouverné la	
France, depuis le Regne de Charlemagne	
jusqu'en 1789. Suivie de la veritable constitution	
Francoise justifiée, par un Député du Clergé de Paris aux Etats genereaux de 1789. S. L. 1799.	
2 vols. Boards	2.00
DUPIN & LABOULAYE. Glossaire de l'Ancien	2.00
Droit Français. 12 mo. Half roan. Paris. 1846.	2.00
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PAILLIET (J. B. J.). Le Droit Français en Vigueur,	
1453-1850. (Constitutions, Codes, &c.) Half roan. Paris. 1850	3.00
	3.00
REY (Joseph). Des Institutions Judiciaires de l'Angleterre comparées avec celles de la France.	
2 vols. Paper. Paris. 1826	7.00
2 vois. 1 apoi. 1 aris. 1020	3.00

MORE FRENCH, ETC., CIVIL LAW.

English Courts.— We have had occasional inquiries as to where a good description of the courts of England can be found. White's Outlines of Legal History (cloth, London, 1895, \$1.50) devotes Chap. I to "The Principal Courts," Chap. II. to "Their History," Chap. III. to "Minor and Obsolete Courts," and Chap. IV. and V. to Saxon and Norman Legal Systems.

Set of Revised Reports Cheap.—We have a set of the "Revised Reports," the set of selected English Cases edited by Sir Frederick Pollock, Vols. 1-65, fine second hand. The regular price is \$390; we can sell this set for \$200.

Schouler's U. S. History. — James Schouler, author of the standard treatises on Wills (\$5.50) and on Executors (\$5.50), is also author of an admirable "History of the United States from the Adoption of the Constitution to the Close of the Civil War." 6 vols., cloth, \$13.50.

Second-Hand Books Purchased.—We buy parcels or libraries of law books, In sending lists to us, please specify dates of publication, number of volumes in each set, condition of binding, etc.

STROUD'S JUDICIAL DICTIONARY.

The phrase "Law Dictionary" has come with us to mean an encylopædia, like BOUVIER'S LAW DICTIONARY, giving not only definitions, but also covering the whole field of law by monographs summarizing principles, with citation of cases,

In his Law Dictionary, however (second edition recently published in three volumes, law sheep, \$18.00), MR. STROUD has confined himself to the stricter scope of a dictionary, and has undertaken only to give such definitions of words and phrases as have been drawn by the English Courts in decision of cases. His work has been aptly described as "A Dictionary of the English Language so far as it has been defined by English Courts of Law." It is not a book which every lawyer must have (like RAWLE'S BOUVIER), but as the American Law Review says of it, "Every public law library in the United States must have it; and so must every private law library of any pretension to learning or completeness."

The London Law Times calls it "an Authoritative Dictionary of the English Language." The Law Quarterly Review describes it as "an Authoritative Interpreter of the English of Affairs for the British Empire." The Solicitor's Journal finds it "a Legal Johnson or Webster." The literary journals in London, the Athenæum, the Saturday Review, and the Spectator, say it is "admirably done," and "cordially recommend it." Lord Alverstone, Chief Justice of England, speaks of its "vast amount of most valuable information." "Jo" Chamberlain calls it tersely "a great work."

We have nothing of the kind (unfortunately) to cover American Cases; but this work, so far as it goes, would have persuasive authority in our courts wherever the meaning of any word or phrase is under discussion.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR LAWYERS.

When holiday time comes why not give some friend a full set of THE GREEN BAG?. Where can you find, in sixteen volumes, and for forty-eight dollars, more biography, history, portraiture, and all-round good reading, in the literature of the law?

Or, if your friend has scholarly tastes, why not get our lists of "Quaint and Interesting Law Books" and pick out some rare and well-bound volume as a Christmas gift?

Or, if you have been studious, industrious, and prosperous for the year, why not make the present to yourself and charge it to your best client?

Not all Law Books are Law.—The Epilogue to Littleton's Tenures might well be repeated as a preface to some of our modern text-books, thus:—

"And know thou my sonne, that I will not that thou beleeve, that all that I have said in the said Bookes is Law, for that I will not take upon me nor presume: But of those things that be not law, inquire and learne of my wise Masters learned in the law."

Remedies for Mob Lawlessness.

Duane Mowry of Milwaukee closes an article on "Mob Law in America," in The Green Bag for August, 1904, with these suggestions as to changes in existing law:—

It is undoubtedly true that whole communities are wrought up to a high state of frenzy and fear over the commission of atrocious crimes. And it is but a short step from this feeling to the crime of the mob itself. If, however, the mob knew that certain and adequate punishment would quickly follow its breach of the peace, it may well be doubted if it would so willingly and unblushingly violate it. As conditions exist today, the mob entertains little fear of punishment at all, never any such dread of the infliction of a penalty as the enormity of the offence committed warrants. So the mob undertakes to be the self-appointed conservator of law and order at the very expense of good government itself. This condition has been steadily growing from bad to worse until today the situation is little less than alarming.

It was Thomas Jefferson who once wisely said of mob law: "It is more dangerous that even a guilty person should be punished without the forms of law than that he should escape." There is much need for the preachment of this doctrine. Not that there is anything particularly sacred or magical around the term law, but because it comports exactly with the best that all human

governments and civilized life afford.

Passing from a mere academic consideration of the question, let us see if there is any adequate remedy for

the existing evil.

It has already been said that the mob feels secure against any punishment being inflected upon it by the constituted authorities for its crime. The history of all trials for riot amply justify the making of this statement. It is apparent, therefore, if punishment is to be visited upon the mob, some change in the criminal law and pro-

cedure will have to be made.

The constitutional provision requiring that every person accused of crime shall have a speedy trial by a jury of his peers in the county where the alleged offense is said to have been committed, will, as it appears to the writer, have to be amended. This is necessary because no jury of the accused's peers, in the county where the alleged offence is said to have been committed, will, in almost every case, render other than a verdict of not guilty. Public opinion demands such a verdict and the jury responds to that demand, at the sacrifice of both law and justice.

The proposed amendment should make mandatory that the place of trial of the mob should be far removed from the place where the alleged crime is said to have been committed. The purpose of this amendment is not to secure a certain conviction of the mob, but to obtain a jury of fair, impartial and unprejudiced men, who will protect alike the rights of the accused and of the State, a thing demonstrably impossible under the existing order. The interests of the State and the behests of the social

order imperatively demand this.

The trial judge and the prosecuting officer should not come from the territory where the offense is said to have been committed; certainly not if they are elective officers. These officers of the court should be named, perhaps, by the governor, with or without the concurrence of the law department of the State. Local sentiment is so strong and so indifferent to the impartial administration of the law, that some unusual and extraordinary plan must be invoked in order to eliminate anything like local or political pressure in the trial of the mob.

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The venue should be determined by law. Possibly affidavits should be submitted by the prosecution showing the necessity for the change. The right to the change of the place of trial should rest with the State. In no case should the place of trial be in the county where the offence is said to have been committed, nor in an adjoining county. The right to a speedy trial should be continued and preserved. But neither party should be

These regulations should be supplemented with others looking to less stringent rules of evidence on the part of

the State. Whether the doctrine of reasonable doubt ought to prevail in the trial of the mob, or whether, as in civil cases, a preponderance of evidence ought to be sufficient to warrant the jury in rendering a verdict of guilty, is a question which is worthy of careful and thoughtful consideration. The purpose should be to give the accused a fair hearing certainly, but also to make the due administration of justice in this extraordinary class of criminal cases reasonably certain, never very doubtful, as now it seems to be.

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In every case of lynching, a money judgment should go to the legal heirs of the victim against the county where the offence was committed. The amount of this judgment should be fixed by law, say at \$5,000, and should be obtained without much expensive litigation. It should be paid out of the State Treasury, and the State should be reimbursed by the county by taxation of the latter. Proof of the lynching should be sufficient to warrant the court in entering judgment, the time and place of the same, or course, accompanying such proof.

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These suggested changes would, in the writer's opinion, exert a marked influence in favor of restraining the intending acts of the mob. A few convictions would certainly wipe out this stigma on America's fair name. The plan suggested would make convictions possible, one of the strongest deterrents to the commission of the crime.

The experiences of the past make some such change as has been herein indicated necessary. The possible dangers of the future make some definite and positive

action imperative.

THE LAW OF ARREST.

We have just published (bound in buckram, \$2.00) THE LAW OF ARREST IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS, BY H. C. VOORHEES OF THE BOSTON BAR.

This general work, treating clearly, concisely, and thoroughly, all the rights of both the arresting and the arrested parties, from the arising of cause of arrest to the final disposal of the prisoner, will be of great use to lawyers, and officers of the law everywhere.

The book is best described by its Contents, viz:-

I. The Right of Personal Liberty.

II. The Issuance and Service of Legal Process.

III. Who may Issue a Warrant.

IV. What Constitutes an Arrest.

V. Arrest with Warrant.

VI. Arrest without a Warrant.

VII. Breaking Doors to Make an Arrest.

VIII. Force in the Act of Arrest.

IX. Disposing of the Prisoner.

X. Arrest in Extradition Proceedings.

XI. Evidence Necessary to Establish the Offense.

XII. Exemption from Arrest.

XIII. False Imprisonment.

XIV. Trespass.

E. R. C. ON TICK.

We have so many inquiries for English Ruling Cases with American Notes (see p. 11), from young lawyers, or from lawyers whose income is partially mortgaged for other sets of books, and who want to pay part cash, part on time, that we will say here, once for all, we shall be glad to sell E. R. C. to any one who can offer good bank references, on payment of part of the price cash and the rest in monthly or quarterly instalments; title of the set to remain with us until payments are completed.

PLEADING, OLD AND NEW.

The following extract from the Introduction to KEEN'S CASES ON PLEADING (now in press) will interest our readers:-

This work stands upon three foundation stones. First, the relationship between modern remedial and ancient remedial law. Second, the relationship between modern substantive and ancient remedial law. Third, the relationship between nodern social and financial conditions and remedial law.

First, of the connection between special pleading and the pleading of today. Speaking of the present law of Massachu-ietts, Chapman, J., said, "And though it [the Practice Act] changes the forms of pleading and dispenses with technicalities, it is still important in framing declarations and answers, so as to present causes properly for trial, that the principles of special pleading should be carefully regarded." * Speaking of the present law in States which have supplanted common-law pleading by codes of civil procedure, one writer says, "It is no longer pretended that the knowledge of common-law pleading is rendered useless by the code, but that the same fundamental principles underlie both systems." † And another, "It is assumed that the student of the code is familiar with the common-law and equity systems of pleadings. If not, he is groping in the dark, and much that is offered will escape his apprehension. This knowledge is deemed essential, not only because well-educated lawyers must know the history of our jurisprudence; must live through it, as it were, and measure every step of its marvellous progress, but because the founda-tion idea of pleading is not changed."‡ It follows, then, that a knowledge of common-law procedure is useful to the busy, practicing lawyer, because it enables him to draw accurate pleadings. We shall study with that end in view.

Second, of the connection between special pleading and modern substantive law. Mr. Justice Holmes declares that, "Whenever we trace a leading doctrine of substantive law far enough back, we are likely to find some forgotten circumstance of procedure at its source." § Pollock and Maitland exclaim, "Those few men who were gathered at Westminster round Pateshull and Raleigh and Bracton were penning writs that would run in the name of kingless commonwealths on the other shore of the Atlantic Ocean; they were making right and wrong for us and for our children." | To make right and wrong is to make substantive law, and the passage might well read, "were making substantive law for us and for our chilread, "were making substantive law for us and tor our condern." In the following pages, we shall plod step by step through the history of the several actions; we shall note the origin and evolution of each; we shall deal minutely with the definition and characteristics of each; and then, taking the whole scheme of common-law actions as a basis, we shall determine why it was and is that substantive rights went unvindicated and still go unvindicated; and substantive wrongs went unredressed and still go unredressed. We believe that the answer to the question is this: Because the writs which "the few men who were gathered at Westminster round Pateshull and Raleigh and Bracton were penning;" writs which were to "run in the name of kingless commonwealths on the other shore of the Atlantic Ocean;" writs sufficient only for the day of Pateshull, Raleigh and Bracton, became rigid boundaries to actions; and though substantive law might expand, remedial law would not expand. It is usual to speak of the perpetuated procedure of the ancients as worthy of the deepest veneration. We can only compare it with a cage in which the infant substantive law was put to live; the substantive law grew and outgrew the bounds of its cage, but the bars would not yield; and the result was a deformed, misshapen thing, which, unsupplemented by equity and statute, would make justice a laughing-stock. We must, then, trace the effect of remedial upon substantive law with greatest care.

Third, of the connection between special pleading and modern social and financial conditions. If rules of procedure formulated in the days of broadsword and armor, of stagecoach and Robin Hood, have wrought limitations upon modern substantive law a fortiori, they have wrought limitations upon all intercourse between men and men. Says Dean Melville M. Bigelow in a recent letter to Vinegradoff, the successor at Oxford of Sir Henry Maine and Sir Frederick Pollock, "But is law as we have it what we now require? Can the conditions of primitive times, or of much later times even down to the nineteenth century, serve this age of electricity - the twentieth

century? Some of us are convinced that they cannot. They long since became the subjects of purely or largely a priori rules of law; and we in America at least are feeling the pinch of them. They are fettering in a most serious way natural and reasonable pursuits. The criminal law, for instance, is breaking down, or rather is trying, rightly, I think, to burst its fetters: it is calling on equity, which used to say it had nothing to do with criminal law, to come to its aid. [For example, injunctions against unlawful picketing in strikes arising out of labor troubles.]

Our Scientific School - we are just starting it in this law school - sets out with the idea that the law, so far as business and pursuits generally are concerned, should be, not a cause but an effect of relations: in other words, as Lord Bowen once put it in a serious talk with me, law should follow business or pur-suits, and not seek to press them this way or that in advance.

That, we think, is the true idea—the true scientific method. History may and will help—so will the Analytic Method: but both of these will fall vastly short of furnishing safe guides in the new conditions which confront us today. Our theory-I mean the theory of Boston University Law School - is that we should study and master, so far as possible, the present needs of business intercourse, and that the law should obediently follow, so long as nobody's rights are invaded and the welfare of the State is not assailed. With us, over here, business is demanding that this should be done, and that the fetters of mediævalism shall be cast aside. It seems to me that the demand is right, and it seems equally clear that it must be heeded.

For every petitioner in Equity who fails because he has a complete and adequate remedy at law; every plaintiff who fails because he should have brought, say, case instead of trespass, or an action ex delicto instead of ex contractu; every defendant who fails because under his plea he is precluded from introducing evidence which the substantive law would make a defence; briefly, in every case where a litigant fails because he has misconceived his pleading, substantive law is defeated by procedural technicalities and injustice is wrought. This both at common law, and under practice acts based upon the common law.

In a lecture delivered at Boston University by the writer of this book, at the beginning of his work, he said, "Perhaps the most wonderful feature of modern jurisprudence is the fact that it is a yet uncompleted structure whose foundations were begun by the Anglo Saxons and the early Anglo Normans hundred of years before the discovery of America; and that in the days when ancient scientists still conceived the earth to be flat, ancient lawyers were building clumsily but well the system of rules, principles, maxims, rights and remedies that is law to-day," Were he again to use this sentence, he would substitute. day." Were he again to use this sentence, he would substitute, for the word "wonderful," the word "unfortunate."

* Read v. Smith, 1 Allen, 519, at 521. † Andrews in his introduction to Stephen, Pleading, 23. ‡ Bliss, Code Pleading (2d ed.), § 141. § Holmes, Common Law, 253. ¶ 11 Pollock and Maitland, 670.

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Blackstone's Commentaries; Edited by Ham-	
mond. 4 vols. Cloth	7.50
Boon on Real Property. 3 vols	9.00
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A REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN

We hear talk occasionally of sectional interests, — the East as against the West, — the South as differing from the North; but it is constantly borne in upon us how such differences have been lessened by modern methods of communication and publication, which are bringing us constantly closer together as Americans. This is especially true in the realms of science, art, and literature, and more especially still in the realms of law.

We are reminded of this fact in reading Dean Melville M. Bigelow's article, "A Scientific School of Legal Thought," in the January Green Bag. Lawyers throughout the United States know Professor Bigelow as the author of many excellent practical American law books, and of two scholarly works on English law which have made him known wherever the history of the Common Law is studied.

As these books have been published in the East, most of us think of their author as an eastern man. And yet, he was born in Michigan, in 1846, and he began practising law and writing books in Memphis, Tenn., about the year 1867. New England can claim his riper years, but he has had the western birth and southern training to make him an all-round American. So it is with more and more of our citizens, as the years go by. Our birth and early education may be local, but our later associations of business, travel, and friendship, are national or cosmopolitan.

This reference to Tennessee brings to mind the fact that Memphis in the later sixties, just after the Civil War, attracted from the Northwest a coterie of bright young lawyers who have since been widely known as legal authors. Bigelow was one,—a slender, thoughtful, modest, and studious youth; Seymour D. Thompson another,—slow, grave, burly, struggling per aspera ad astra; a third, short, bustling, cheery, was Marshall D. Ewell. There were two or three others who have done good literary work, but are not so widely known. They all left Memphis in the later troublous years of "Reconstruction," and scattered to different places.

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A NOTABLE ARTICLE

The January Green Bag contains an article which every judge and lawyer in the United States ought to read. It is written by Melville M. Bigelow, the well-known legal author, now Dean of the Boston University School of Law, and is entitled "A Scientific School of Legal Thought."

Nominally, it is a plea for more practical education in the Law Schools. Actually, it is an admission to the general public that our common law and its procedure, though their tendencies are healthy, are not yet emancipated from archaic forms and mediæval conceptions of law. It is an appeal to lawyers to aid in further reforms. It is a hint to judges to brush away some of the remaining relics of a dead past.

Beginning with a reference to the two schools of legal thought and education in the nineteenth century — the analytical school of Bentham, and the historical school (now prevalent) founded by Maine, — Dr. Bigelow says, "I am persuaded that there is something better than either school, better than both combined, which presents a sounder system of legal education."

Assuming that municipal law is founded upon the conception of right, which as the courts profess and appear to treat it, signifies freedom to carry out one's reasonable purposes in any reasonable way, the author concludes that law should follow and conform to the business and pursuits of men.

Addressing himself to the general public as well as to lawyers, he gives illustrations drawn from everyday life, to show that most of the rules which appear to be a priori and not conformable to the present pursuits of men, originally conformed to common usage, and were then consistent with sound theory. For instance, he discusses the laws of real estate, the difference between wills and deeds, the implied warranty of chattels, the rule of joint contract, the doctrine of consideration, the arbitrary character of much of our criminal law, the law of torts, etc. Then as to the laying down of the law, do our judges, he asks, sometimes seem to have an excessive fondness for a priori reasoning, without due regard to the customs and practices of the present day?

In the past, Dr. Bigelow points out "Procedure has been a prison-house for law;" and "mediæval ideas, and mediæval modes of reasoning, have not yet entirely let up their grip." He discusses the vicissitudes of the law of injunctions, and the *a priori* character of our American constitutions, and some of our statute law. Of the recent codification of the law of negotiable instruments, he says that the compilers seem to have drafted the law step by step, without sufficient grasp of the general theory which underlies the whole of the law merchant to get rid of these survivals of old ideas — these anachronisms of the law; he appeals to judges to "give up legal cant," to lawyers to bring the law into close touch with the pursuits of the people, and to instructors in law schools to teach a practical system of law.

"The law should become," he says, "what it professes and tends to be; it should be in harmony everywhere with the pursuits of men. Law should follow business so long as men of business do not invade the rights of others or interfere with the welfare of the state. Legal education should be committed to this idea."

Other characteristic passages are: "The law should be an ever-living fact, a fact of the life of the present day." "The judges will find less and less need of seeking authority in the Year Books, or in Coke, or in the worthies of much later times for their decisions." "After the period of the reasonable life of a decision not relating to constitutional or statutory law, let the decision as a binding authority, die."—"The laws peculiar to our own day will go, because they ought to go."—"Would there be serious ground of regret if at last we should come to German and French ideas of precedent?"—"And so it should be; the past, as mere authority, should not lay a heavy hand upon the future."

From this review of the present state and tendencies of the law, Dr. Bigelow concludes with the belief that Law Schools must add to their "teaching of the tools of the trade," an outlook upon, and if possible a knowledge of, the adjacent fields of business and government; that the graduate should not merely be grounded as a "case lawyer," but should be ready to grapple practically with the real business of the world he enters.

But no summary can do justice to Dean Bigelow's article. It should be read as a whole.

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The January number of The Green Bag besides the article by Prof. Bigelow (described elsewhere) on "A' Scientific School of Legal Thought," will contain an article by Bruce Wyman, already favorably known to Green Bag readers, on "The Maintenance of the Open Shop;" — one on "William H. Seward as a Lawyer," by E. L. Didier of Baltimore; and one on the "Relation of Street Railways to Town and City Governments," by Bentley W. Warren, together with a number of bright short articles; a "review of reviews" embodying a conspectus of interesting articles in American and foreign law magazines; and the "Notes of Cases" which have been so satisfactory a feature for the year 1904.

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Name	Years of service	Name	Years of service	Name	Years of	service
TAY,	6	THOMPSON,	20	CHASE,	(9
RUTLEDGE,	2	TRIMBLE,	2	STRONG,	'	10
Cushing,	21	McLean,	32	BRADLEY,		22
WILSON,	9	BALDWIN,	14	HUNT,		10
BLAIR,	7	WAYNE,	32	WAITE,		14
HARRISON,	í	TANEY,	28	HARLAN,		27
IREDELL,	9	BARBOUR,	5	Woods,		7 8
JOHNSON,	2 '	CATRON,	28	MATTHEWS,		8
PATERSON,	13	McKinley,	15	GRAY,		21
RUTLEDGE,		Daniel,	19	BLATCHFORD,	,	11
CHASE,	15	NELSON,	27	LAMAR,		5
Ellsworth,	4	WOODBURY,	6	FULLER,		16
WASHINGTON,	31	GRIER,	23	BREWER,		15
Moore,	5	CURTIS,	6	Brown,		14
Marshall,	34	CAMPBELL,	8	SHIRAS,		12
Johnson,	30	CLIFFORD,	23	JACKSON,		2 .
LIVINGSTON,	17	SWAYNE,	20	WHITE,		11
Todd,	19	MILLER,	28	Рескнам,		9 6
STORY,	34	Davis,	15	McKenna,		6
DUVAL,	25	FIELD,	34	HOLMES,		2
	_			Day,		I
RANDOLPH	Wirt	Clifford				
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We want to thank especially the contestants who failed to get prizes, for their courteous acquiescence in the result. It might have been human nature to question our accuracy or our honesty in the decision, or to worry us

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Phonetic Spelling. — This note was received by an Illinois lawyer, whose membership in the State legislature kept him away from his office:

"I have ben hear to sea you ate times an cant find you hear never.

"I will give me case to some other liar if you dont sea me this weak."

From Asbury Park, N. J.

Obiter Dictum. — Jones, an old theatrical manager, was sued before a justice of the peace, some twenty miles from his home, in a certain New Jersey town. This magistrate had the reputation of being a "plaintiff's justice." Jones and his lawyer proceeded to the Justice's office on the day and hour for trial, having, as they thought, a good defence.

The case was about to be tried, when suddenly another theatrical man, an old friend of Jones, whom he had not seen in many years, and who happened to be in the court room, rushed across the room, grasped Jones warmly by the hand, and shouted, "Hello, Jones, old boy! haven't seen you in ten years. What are you doing here? Got a show here?"

Before Jones could make reply, the Justice (with seriousness) retorted, "No, he's got no show here."

From Newark. N. J.

One Legal Pet. - Patrick was a pigeon fancier, and had been brought before the police magistrate charged with violation of a city ordinance against keeping live poultry within certain limits. Defendant was without counsel, and the evidence showed clearly that his feathered pets spent much time around the window sills of an adjoining factory owned by complaining witness. It also developed that Patrick had other pets; and with the idea of showing he had too many, the city attorney said, "Now, Pat, how many pigeons do you keep?" "About sixty, all told," replied Pat. "Any dogs?" "Yis, sor; two." "Any cats?" "An auld wan, an' foive kittens," said Pat. "What else, — any chickens?" "Oi have, - tin hins an' wan rooster." "You seem well supplied," remarked the city attorney. "Have you any other pets?" "Oi have, sor," answered Pat; "a pet pony, a pet canary, and over there sets me pet woman."

These two from Fort Scott, Kansas.

Jury of His Peers.—A North Carolina lawyer was trying a case before a jury, being counsel for the prisoner, a man charged with making "mountain dew." The judge was very hard on him, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. The lawyer moved for a new trial. The judge denied the motion, and remarked, "The court and the jury think the prisoner a knave and a fool." After a moment's silence the lawyer answered, "The prisoner wishes me to say that he is satisfied; he has been tried by a court and a jury of his peers."

A Constructive Recess. — A Missouri justice of the peace has devised a plan whereby judges may resent insult in an approved manner, and at the same time invoke the majesty of the law to defeat retaliation. "Judge" Green had laid aside the shoemaker's awl and was engaged in the trial of a civil suit that involved \$3.25 and costs. In the course of argument, Marks, counsel for the defendant, made a statement reflecting upon the court's knowledge of the law. Whereupon the court, rapping upon the side of his bench and gazing fearlessly into the eyes of defendant's counsel, said, "We will now take a brief recess. Marks, you are a d---d liar." Marks' lips parted with a show of resentment, but before he could proceed, the court rapped for order with the injunction, "Shut up, Marks! Court is now in session."

From Helena, Montana.

A Mitigated Fine.— A Western justice of the peace, noted for his unwillingness to listen to argument, was recently engaged in the trial of a case of assault and battery, in which the defendant was an attorney. When the testimony was concluded, the State not being represented, the defendant slowly arose to make a speech, and before he was fairly on his feet the justice said, "I will fine you five dollars." "Why," said the attorney, "I wanted to argue this case before you decided it." "No need of argument," said the justice: "it is a very plain case, and I cannot avoid fining you."

"Yes," said the attorney, "but I wanted to be heard in mitigation."

"O Helena!" said the justice, "under the statute I could fine you as much as fifty dollars, but I have mitigated the fine down to five dollars, and that is mitigation enough."

From New York City, these two.

His Law was Outlawed. — Judge Geo. G. Barnard, who quickly decided matters coming before him, once said to a young practitioner who closed his remarks thus, "Why, your Honor, that has been the rule ever since the stars first sang together."

"Counsellor, it will cost you ten dollars for being at that concert. I deny your motion."

Vocation or Avocation. — A leading Boston lawyer asked the witness, a young man of dissolute habits, whether he was not in the habit of loafing around barrooms and billiard-rooms. The witness pertly answered, "That is my business." "Yes, I know," the lawyer responded; "but is it your only business?"

From Chicago.

Playing to the Gallery. — Lawyer Brown had a case involving land boundaries. The question was one of accretions to land; and Brown, to make perfectly clear his contentions, drew maps showing the situation. The judge hearing the case said, "But, Mr. Brown, I don't quite understand what you mean."

"Your Honor," replied Mr. Brown, "I did not suppose you would. I was just doing this for the benefit of the bystanders."

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Canadian Judicial Definitions.— "Goo-goo eyes"

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hope over experience." Green Bag, Feb., 1905.

A Postponed Sentence. — "If yoh husban' beats you, mebbe you kin hab him sent to de whippin' pos'," said Mrs. Potomac-Jackson. "If my husban' ever beats me," said Mrs. Tolliver-Grapevine, "dey kin send him to de whippin'-pos' if dey wants to. But dey'll have to wait till he gits out'n de hospital." — Green Bag, April, 1905.

Vocation or Avocation. — A leading Boston lawyer asked a witness, a young man of dissolute habits, whether he was not accustomed to loaf around bar-rooms and billiard halls. The witness pertly answered, "That is my business." "Yes, I know," the lawyer replied; "but is it your only business?" — Green Bag, July, 1905.

Advice. — Abe Hummel, the New York lawyer, who is known as a master of repartee, is to be credited with a very-much-to-the-point retort. The other morning the counsellor had been giving his client in a breach-of-promise case based on letters written by the defendant, a lesson on morals, when the latter remarked dejectedly: —"It's the same old song, Abe, 'Do right and fear nothing.'" "No! no! That's not it at all," answered Abe, "don't write and fear nothing."— Green Bag, Aug., 1905.

In Doubt About the Head. — Patrick Murphy was hit on the head by a brick from a building in process of construction, and once home in bed sent for a lawyer. A few days later his lawyer settled the case and handed Pat five crisp new \$100 bills.

"How much did you get," he asked."

"Two thousand dollars," the lawyer answered.

"Two thousand, and you give me \$500? Say, who got hit by that brick, you or me?" — Green Bag, Sept., 1905.

Both Mad. — Judge R. W. Clifford of Chicago, is responsible for the following: A corpulent German came rushing into the circuit court, and said:

"I vant to git varrant for a man to kill a tog." On being informed that he had better apply to the police court he started to leave, when the judge inquired in an interested manner:

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From Current Legal Articles

*ACCIDENT (Definition). The cases defining the meaning of "accident" in relation to the verdicts of inquest juries, accident insurance policies, and friendly society rules, and workmen's compensation acts, are collected in an article entitled, "Definitions of Accident, Accidental, Accidentally," by Stanley B. Atkinson in the August Law Magazine and Review (V. xxx, p. 439).

Automobile. "The Law of Automobiles," by X. P. H. Law Notes (V. ix, p. 147).

CONFLICT OF LAWS (Jurisdiction). "Exit of the Doctrine of Situs," by John R. Rood, Central Law Journal (V. lxi, p. 265).

CORPORATIONS. "Alabama's New Corporation Law Journal (V. lxi, p. 265).

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CRIMINAL LAW. "Christian Scientists and the Law," by Walter Mills, Canadian Law Review (V. iv, p.

PROPERTY. "Reform of Our Land Laws," by Eugene C. Massie, Virginia Law Register (V. xi, p. 359).

*WILLS (Equitable Conversion). In the November Harvard Law Review (V. xix, p. 1), Professor Langdell concludes his important treatise on "Equitable Conversion." He deals chiefly with the changes in the law, real and supposed, since the decision of Ackroyd v. Smithson. On the whole he finds these to be less than has generally been supposed. What constitutes such conversion is still the declared intention of the testator. Before that case, evidence of such intention seems to have been looked for only in such directions as the will contained respecting a sale of the land and the mode of dealing with the proceeds independent of any gift of the latter. Since that case, such evidence has been primarily looked for in the gift of the proceeds, and a gift which does not take effect is disregarded. Moreover, "the doctrine has become established that an equitable conversion by will is presumptively coextensive only with the purposes for which the sale is directed, and hence the distinction has become established between an equitable conversion for the purposes of the will only and an equitable conversion out and out." And an unqualified direction to sell is presumed to be only for the purpose expressed in the will. Hence a conversion out and out has meant less than it did before "for while such a conversion before Ackroyd v. Smithson caused any portion of the land, the produce of which was not disposed of, to go to the testator's personal representative, it now has merely the effect of causing the heir to take the same as money." The authorities, however, give no satisfactory reason for these changes. It has been held that these changes should be extended by analogy to the equitable conversion by will of money into land.

From Notes of Cases

Corporations. (Stockholders' Bill — Jurisdiction.) N. Y. S. C., App. Div. — Jacobs 7. Mexican Sugar Refining Co., 93 New York Supplement, 776, has a holding of some moment on the question of jurisdiction. Under the provisions of Code Civ. Proc. § 1780, that an action against a foreign corporation may be maintained by a resident of the State for any cause of action, it is held that the courts of New York have jurisdiction of an action by resident stockholders in a foreign corpora-

tion against another foreign corporation to have declared void for fraud an agreement cancelling a lease from defendant to the corporation of which plaintiffs were members. The majority opinion places its holding upon the ground that while the relief to be awarded would be in favor of the corporation in which plaintiffs were stockholders, nevertheless, the cause of action sought to be enforced was one which vests in a minority stockholder to prevent the majority stockholders and officers from carrying out a fraudulent scheme to injure the corporation. McLaughlin, J., in the dissenting opinion, suggests that as it is conceded in the main opinion that the court would not have jurisdiction had the action been brought by one corporation against another, he does not understand that the stockholder can do for the corporation what it cannot do for itself, and is, consequently, of the opinion that the court was without jurisdiction.

The above is the summary of the case by the Editor of the Reporter System. Below are the opinions of two

specialists on Corporation Laws.

This decision should be compared with that of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey in Wilson v. American Palace Car Co., 65 N. J. Eq. 730 (1903), in which it was held that the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, had no jurisdiction over a foreign corporation in a suit by some of its stockholders to set aside a transfer of all of its property, not being real estate, to a corpora-tion of New Jersey. The court in that case applied the doctrine of Pennoyer v. Neff (95 U. S. 714) and said that a decree against the foreign corporation would be without due process of law, but the purpose of the suit was only to give notice to the corporation of a suit to restore to it its own property, and the decision would seem to be an unnecessary extension of the principal of Pennover v. Neff. In this connection it is interesting to see that the English and continental courts have not hesitated to take jurisdiction over foreigners in cases in which the contract was made or to be performed without the jurisdiction and in many other classes of cases, and it is worth while to refer to Piggott on Service out of the Jurisdiction. (F. T. Piggott, London, William Clowes & Son, 1892.)

The cases have been collected by the writer of this note in an article on Jurisdiction over Non-Residents in Personal Actions, in the Columbia Law Review for June

EDWARD Q. KEASBEY, formerly Editor of the N. J. Law Journal.

This case squarely holds that the right of a stockholder to enforce a claim of the corporation against a stranger is a cause of action belonging to the stockholder, and not merely a cause of action on behalf of the corporation which the stockholder may under certain circumstances assert on behalf of the corporation. The majority opinion is in accord with the doctrine of the Federal courts, which determine questions of jurisdiction on the ground of diverse citizenship in such cases by looking to the actual citizenship of the stockholder suing (Dodge v. Woolsey, 18 How. 331), rather than to the fiction which would be resorted to were the action by the corporation itself, that all stockholders are citizens of the state creating the corporation (Barrow Steamship Co. v. Kane, 170 U. S. 100). The Federal courts are in a measure protected against frauds upon their jurisdiction in such cases by Equity Rule 94, requiring the bill to be verified and to allege that the suit is not a collusive one, to confer on a court of the United States jurisdiction in a case of which it would not otherwise have cognizance. Some safeguard should be provided in New York should this doctrine be affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

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BAG, 396.

He was born in St. Croix, West Indies, in 1811.

In childhood he was brought to Wilmington, N. C.

After a partial course at Yale he went to New After a partial course at Yale he went to New Orleans in 1831, and began the study of the law. Admitted to practice in 1833, he speedily became a leader not only of the local but also of the national Bar. In 1852 he was sent to the Senate of the United States, resigning his Senatorship when his State seceded from the Union. He served in the Cabinet of President Jefferson Davis, first as Attorney-General, then as Secretary of War, and finally as Secretary of State. In 1865, at the fall of the Confederacy, he fled to England, entered Lincoln's Inn, and applied himself vigorously to the study of English law. After only one year's probation he was "called" to the English Bar. "It is difficult," says the biographer, "to imagine a position more apparently hopeless than his. At the age of fifty-five

he had to adapt himself to an entirely new state of things. He had a great deal to learn, and a great deal to unlearn. He had to contend against the *elite* of the English Bar."

At first his earnings were so small that he had

At first his earnings were so small that he had to write for newspapers to make a living. In 1868 he published a treatise on "Sales of Personal Property." Legal authorship is often the first essay of an English barrister toward publicity and reputation, the only allowable method of advertising himself in his profession. In this instance the essay was instantly and largely successful. Mr. Benjamin's practice had always been largely on commercial lines, and as the "law merchant" is very much alike throughout the civilized world, his practice under the civil law of the Code Napoleon, in Louisiana, helped rather than hindered his grasp of the commercial law of of the Code Napoleon, in Louisiana, helped rather than hindered his grasp of the commercial law of England. His talents, becoming known through this work, brought him both reputation and practice. In the short space of six years he attained the rank of Queen's Counsel, the highest in the practicing profession. His income is said to have reached \$40,000 a year.

Owing to failing health, Benjamin had to relinquish practice in 1883, and he died in Paris in the following year, leaving as a monument to succeeding generations his work on Sales.

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THE GREEN BAG for April, 1906, has a "Sym-The GREEN BAG for April, 1900, has a Symposium" which will interest lawyers who deplore the notorious abuses of personal injury litigation which are choking the dockets of our courts and demoralizing the administration of justice.

The editor, "believing that there is need of widespread discussion of this problem," has col-

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also from foreign countries, as to this class of abuses, and the best methods of remedying them.

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Under the heading of The Abuse of Personal Injury Litigation, leading trial lawyers of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis, who have been largely appropried in personal injury litigation, contribute engaged in personal injury litigation, contribute short articles embodying their experience and their suggestions. These articles are extremely interesting, because they present opinions from various standpoints. Some of them emphasize the perjury of the workmen who sue, and the lowering moral tone of lawyers who represent them; - others denounce the tricks of employers and corporations to evade responsibility; — others again find in the substitution of Liability Insurance companies a final elimination of humane considerations in the relations of employer and employed.

Following this series of articles, there are statements from lawyers in England, France, Bel-GIUM, and ITALY, of the provisions and effects of recent Workmen's Compensation Acts in those

countries

The editor then briefly sums up these contributions.

The only other article in this number (except

the valuable Notes of Decisions and Legal Discussions) is a letter from Donald R. Richberg, of Chicago, on Imprisonment of Corporations in which he makes the novel query, since the courts are holding that corporations may be guilty of criminal intent and criminal action for which their officers cannot be imprisoned — and since fines are not adequate punishments or deterrents — Why CANNOT THE ASSETS OF COR-PORATIONS BE IMPRISONED, and their franchises forfeited during such imprisonment?

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ENGLISH JUSTICE

The "Outlook" for July 14, 1906, gives an interesting address by Hon, Chas. F. Amidon, on "The Quest for Error and the Doing of Justice," from which we quote as follows:

These facts point unmistakably to the capital vice of American law - viz., its instability of administration, the frequent retrials of the same controversy. For the purpose of comparison, and of seeing whether this condition is a necessary evil, I have examined the law reports of England for the period extending from 1890 to 1900, and I find that of all the causes that were brought under review on appeal in that country, new trials were granted in less than three and one-half per cent. Here is a country having the same body of substantive law that we have, having substantially the same practice that we have, and yet the result in the one case is new trials in forty-six per cent. of all causes brought under review, and in the other in less than three and one-half per cent.

The fundamental defect of our legal administration is the doctrine that, where error is found, prejudice will be presumed. That is the difference between the English and American administration of the law. In England there is no such thing at the present time as a bill of exceptions. A copy of the pleadings and of the written instruments that have appeared in the trial of the case is furnished to the appellate court, together with a transcript of the evidence, or more frequently a transcript of the brief notes of the presiding judge, and then the question is not, Is there error in the proceedings of the trial court? but the question is, Is the judgment just? And if it is, it is let alone.

If you were to step into an English court and see a cause in the progress of trial, the one thing that would impress you above all others would be that the judge and the lawyers are all bent on getting at the substance of that cause. The fact that has impressed me most in keeping track of English decisions during the last twenty years is this: the skill and the zeal which the trial court and the trial counsel display in putting the record in such shape that the cause may be disposed of in the appellate court on the merits, provided the appellate court takes a different view of the controversy from that taken by the trial court.

Again I appeal to experience. What has happened in England? For more than a generation it has been impossible to base error on any matter of practice, pleading, or evidence, unless it was fundamental to the cause. What has been the result? Are the rules of pleading thrown away in England? Are the rules of evidence disregarded in their courts? By no means. It is the testimony of all who are familiar with English practice that the rules of pleading and the rules of evidence are much better observed there than they are with us.

Something ought to be done by the legal profession to correct this confessedly serious fault of American law. I believe that it is comparatively easy of rectification if the rule which has been tried in England for more than a generation, providing that those errors which do not result in a miscarriage of justice shall be disregarded on appeal, be made a part of our law.

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(see p. 8) as to its choice for Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The next item of importance is the definite announcement of a supplement to English Ruling Cases, see page 5.

Note (on p. 6) that we have been able to make up a few more sets of the Full English Imprint.

If you have a set of the old English Chancery Reports Reprint in your library, it is probably defective, see page 11.

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In August

- "Christopher C. Langdell," by Samuel F. Batchelder.
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- "Limitation of Actions by Creditors Against Stockholders for Corporation Debts," by George P. Costigan, Jr.
- "Cases from the Criminal Docket of a Philippine Court," by W. F. Norris.

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Great cases have been decided in the last ten years. The rapid expansion of business, the growth of great corporations and monopolies, the struggle between capital and labor, the disputes over hitherto untried questions of Federal jurisdiction and corporate rights, and the new doctrine of the liability of common carriers, all stamp the period between 1896 and the present as a great era in the development of the law.

The English notes are by ROBERT CAMPBELL, and the American notes by JAMES T. KEEN, Lecturer at Boston University Law School, Editor of Keen's Cases on Pleading, and a specialist on questions of jurisdiction and procedure. They trace accurately and completely, yet with the utmost brevity, the trend of the law as evidenced by recent decisions. For example, the line of cases governing malicious interference with contract in England, which finally ended in the overturning of the doctrine of Allen v. Flood by that of Quinn v. Leatham, is fully treated by Mr. Campbell; while the concurrent growth of the law in America as shown by the line of precedents ending in Berry v. Donovan in Massachusetts and National Protective Association v. Cummings in New York, is stated by Mr. Keen. No case on Monopolies has been more prolific of discussion than the Northern Securities Case; no case on the liability of common carriers has evoked more discussion than Hayne v. The Union Street Railway; no case on the extent to which legislatures can go under the protection of the Constitution in creating new forms of legal process is more instructive than Tyler v. The Court of Registration.

The following extract, dealing with the liability of a common carrier for the torts of its servants may be referred to as typical of the thoroughness of Mr. Keen's notes.

The law is settled beyond dispute in every state in the Union that a common carrier is liable absolutely for injuries to its passengers by its servant, whether the servant who does the wrong acts in the scope of his employment or not, provided he is on duty at the time of the assault upon the same vessel, car, or train as that upon which the plaintiff is a passenger. But if the passenger were upon one train and the employee upon another, and the employee without provocation and of his own radice assaulted a passenger would the carrier be his own malice assaulted a passenger, would the carrier be liable? This exact question arose for the first time in the year 1905 in Hayne v. The Union St. Ry. Co., 189 Massachusetts 551. The plaintiff, a female school teacher, was a passensetts 51. The plaintiff, a female school teacher, was a passenger on the defendant's street car, and was riding near a front window, on a seat in the corner of the car, when she was struck with a dead hen, thrown in sport by the conductor of a passing car, owned by the defendant. Action was brought to recover compensation for the injury, and the judge of the Superior Court directed a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that the servant who inflicted the wrong was on a separate car from the plaintiff, and therefore under no duty to protect her. The plaintiff alleged exceptions, which were sustained by the Supreme Court.

Knowlton, C. J., said: "Under the authorities, it is plain that if the wrongful act which caused the injury in the present case had been done by the conductor or motorman of the car on which the plaintiff was riding, the defendant would be liable. The only question upon which there is ground for any doubt is, whether the rule applies to an injury done by a servant who was engaged in the same general service, but

doubt is, whether the rule applies to an injury done by a servant who was engaged in the same general service, but was employed upon another car, and was not charged directly and primarily with any duty to provide for the safety of the plaintiff. We are of the opinion that the liability of the defendant is the same as if the conductor who threw the hen had been in charge of the plaintiff's car. The rule of liability in such cases is made absolute. The reason for the rule applies as well when the servant is employed upon another car as when he is working on the car upon which the injury occurs. "If one of the reasons for the liability is that the servant, through his relation to his master, owes a duty to protect the passenger from injuries by others, and a fortiori from injuries by himself, this duty, so far as it relates to the last branch of the obligation, is not confined to servants the nature of whose service requires them to give personal attention to the passenger in reference to possible injuries from others, but it includes those employed in the general business of transportation, and involves a duty to refrain from doing injury to any of the master's passengers, whether in the special charge of the servant or not. It would be too strict and narrow a rule to hold that this liability of the master extends only to injuries by servants especially charged with the duty of protections are the care in the stream of the desired care and the content of the definition of the desired care and the content of the desired care and the desire injuries by servants especially charged with the duty of protecting passengers from injury.

See, also, Dwinelle v. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R., 120 New York, 117; Brunswick & W. R. Co. v. Moore, 101 Georgia, 684; Houston & T. C. R. R. v. Batchler, 83 S. W. (Texas) 902; Atlanta Consolidated St. Ry. v. Bates, 103 Georgia, 333; Cf. Planz v. The B. & A. R. R., 157 Massachusetts, 377; cf. Gillespie v. Brooklyn Heights R. R., 178 N. Y., 347. These, prior to the decision of Hayne v. The Union St. Ry., were all the decisions which even by implication extended the carrier's liability to wrongs by the carrier's servants to passengers with the duty of whose protection the wrongdoing servants with the duty of whose protection the wrongdoing servants were not directly charged.

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The extraordinary liability of the carrier ceases, however, when the plaintiff is not a passenger, the ordinary rule of master and servant applying. Thus, a conductor of a street railway company called a policeman as a practical joke to arrest "two crooks" in an old car on the defendant's premises, used as a place of shelter for conductors when off duty. The policeman stepped through a hole in the car platform and was injured. Per Lathrop, J.: "It seems to us clear that the act of the conductor was not within the scope of his employment, and that the defendant is not liable." Berry v. Boston Elevated Ry. Co., 188 Massachusetts, 536. Cf. Crowley v. Fitchburg & Leominster St. Ry. Co., 185 Massachusetts, 279; Brown v. Boston Ice Co., 178 Massachusetts, ro8. The courts of some states have recently adopted a new test of liability in cases where servants charged with the custody courts of some states have recently adopted a new test of liability in cases where servants charged with the custody of dangerous things wantonly use them to inflict injury. Where an engineer in care of railway torpedoes put one on the track and exploded it solely for his own amusement, thus injuring a boy standing near, the company was held liable. Winslow, J., said: "The engineer was not beyond the scope of his employment, but he was wilfully or wantonly violating a duty resulting from his employment, his duty to safely keep and properly use the torpedoes." Enting v. Chicago & N. W. a duty resulting from his employment, his duty to safely keep and properly use the torpedoes." Enting v. Chicago & N. W. Ry. Co., 92 N. W. (Wis.) 358; 98 N. W. (Wis.) 944. So where an engineer blew off steam from a blow-off cock solely to frighten some children, and one of the children, by reason of her fright, fell and broke her leg, it was held that a verdict for the plaintiff could be sustained. Alsever v. R. R. Co. 88 N. W. (Iowa) 841. See also Meade v. Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R., 68 Missouri App. 92. A tramp went to sleep in the defendant's railroad station. The station agent in sport, to scare the tramp from the station, poured benzine upon him and the bench where he was lying, and set fire to the benzine. It was part of the station agent's duty to keep tramps away from the station. Per Smith, P. J. "It might have been well that Keating, in the performance of the duty which was required of him in keeping a certain class of persons away from the defendant's station had concluded to combine pleasure with business and so to accomclass of persons away from the defendant's station had concluded to combine pleasure with business and so to accomplish this double purpose, had saturated the plaintiff's clothes with benzine, and set fire thereto, in consequence of which his legs and feet were severely burned and injured, and, if so, would any one insist that in such case the defendant would not be liable for this act of its agent?" These cases rest upon the doctrine enunciated in Railway Company v. Shields, 47 Ohio St., 387: "A servant may depart from his employment without making his master liable for his negligence when outside the employment of his master, and he so departs whenever he goes beyond the scope of his employment and engages in affairs of his own, but he cannot depart from the duty entrusted to him when that duty regards the rights of others in respect to the employment of dangerous instruments by the master in the prosecution of his business, without making the master liable for the consequences; for the first step in that direction is a

breach of the duty intrusted to him by the master, and his negligence in this regard becomes the negligence of the master." See also Harriman v. Railway Co., 45 Ohio State, 11.

This, we believe, is not the better rule. In Obertoni v. B. & M. R. R., 186 Massachusetts, 481, there arose the identical question involved in Enting v. Chicago & N. W. R. R. supra, and in Railway Co. v. Shields, supra. A boy eight years old found a signal torpedo on the planking of a railroad, on the grade crossing of a highway. He took it home and, ignorant of the danger, cracked it with a rock and was hurt. A brakeman had thrown the torpedo to the flagman at the crossing, and it dropped at his feet as he did not catch it, the flagman threw the torpedo back to the brakeman, who did not catch it, and the torpedo went to the ground. After the train went by, the flagman went back to his covered station without touching the torpedo. LORING, J., said: "There is nothing in the evidence in this case, or in the common knowledge of mankind, as to railroad signal torpedoes, which would make it the duty of a brakeman to throw a torpedo to a flagman. . There was nothing in the evidence showing that it belonged to a flagman at a railroad crossing to signal trains by torpedoes or otherwise, much less is that within the common knowledge of mankind. If the use of railroad torpedoes is a fact within such common knowledge at all, the flagman has nothing whatever to do with signaling trains or with torpedoes . . The two cases from Ohio (Harriman v. The Railway, supra, and Railway Co. v. Shields, supra) are entitled to great consideration as cases of the highest court of another state; but after careful consideration of them we are of opinion that they are not in accordance with the settled law of this Commonwealth." Howe v. Newmarch, est court of another state; but after careful consideration of them we are of opinion that they are not in accordance with the settled law of this Commonwealth." Howe v. Newmarch, 12 Allen, 419; Hankinson v. Lynn Gas and Electric Light Co., 175 Massachusetts, 271; Brown v. Boston Ice Co., 178 Massachusetts, 178; McCarthy v. Timmins, 178 Massachusetts, 378.

To summarize: the real criterion of liability in all actions against a carrier for injuries inflicted by its servants beyond the scope of their employment, whether of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, is this: Was the person injured a

feasance, or nonfeasance, is this: Was the person injured a passenger? If not, he cannot recover. If so, he can recover, provided that the wrongdoing servant was on duty at the

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But if the President should want to ascertain the general opinion of the Bar, back of and outside of the lawyers in Congress, how can he get at it? There is the American Bar Association, to be sure, which does a certain amount of "sizing up" of its members at every annual meeting, but its

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